

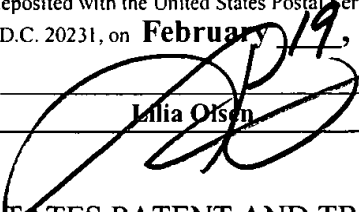


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For: LONG LASTING FUSION PEPTIDE
INHIBITORS OF VIRAL INFECTION

Examiner: J. Parkin

Group Art Unit: 1648

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO
COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS
FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS
CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE
SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID
SEQUENCE DISCLOSURE MAILED
DECEMBER 16, 2002, PAPER 9;**

and

**AMENDED ELECTION TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO INTERVIEW WITH
EXAMINER PARKIN ON JANUARY
14, 2003**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the *Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications
Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures* mailed December 16,
2002, for which a response was due on **January 16, 2003.**

A petition for a one month extension of time is enclosed with this response to extend the deadline to respond to the Notice to Comply. Since February 16, 2003 was a Sunday, and the USPTO was closed on Monday, February 17, 2003 for President's Day, and the USPTO was again closed on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, due to the snow storm, this response is therefore timely filed.

Applicants also amend their election to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 21, 2002, pursuant to interview with Examiner Parkin on January 14, 2003.

AMENDMENTS